



November 18, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

J Ader

MuckRock News

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RE: 19-FOIA-339 Facial Recognition Info

Dear J Ader:

Metra's FOIA Department ("FOIA Department") is in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

On November 11, 2019, the FOIA Department received your request for, "I hereby request the following records:

-any/all contractual documents including purchase orders, delivery orders, bids, quotes, RFPs, responses to RFPs, invoices and contracts with facial recognition companies (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facial_recognition_system) including - but not limited to - FaceFirst Inc., Face Searcher by Alleviate Limited, Face-VACS by Cognitec Systems GmbH, First Line Facial Recognition by Blue Line Technology, any products by Animetrics, SCRAM remote breath by Alcohol Monitoring Systems, or MegaMatcher by Neurotechnology. Other systems may also be used, such as the system developed by the FBI.

-any/all policies or guidelines about the use of facial recognition technology

-any/all grant applications or reports to any oversight bodies".

Under the FOIA, a public body may extend the time to respond to a FOIA request by up to five (5) business days for a limited number of reasons. 5 ILCS 140/3(e). We are extending the time to respond to your request by five (5) business days for the following reason(s):

- ☐ We store the requested records in whole or in part at another location(s).
- ☐ Responding to the request requires that we collect a substantial number of specified records.
- ☐ The request is couched in categorical terms and requires that we conduct an extensive search for the records responsive to it.
- ☒ The requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them.
- ☒ In order to determine whether the requested records are exempt under Section 7 of FOIA or must be redacted in part before they are disclosed, we must have the documents reviewed by counsel.
- ☒ We cannot comply with the request for records within the five (5) business day time limit without unduly burdening or interfering with our operations.
- ☐ Before we can determine whether to provide the documents in response to your FOIA request, we must consult with [] which has a substantial interest in the determination of how to respond to this request because [].

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The extension is needed to coordinate the efforts of multiple departments in producing the requested records.

The FOIA Department plans to respond to your request by November 25, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. E. Haton".

Kathleen E. Haton
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